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FALSE ALLEGATION

Jacksonville Capital Association Misrepresents

STATE CONVENTIONS ACTION

Condition of Present Capital Not Passed Upon.

It is a well known fact, that the question of Capital removal was used in the city of Jacksonville, primarily for local purposes and that it was precipitated into the State Convention at a time when the nominations were pending and the 22 votes of Duval county were so much desired by the friends of four of the candidates for Governor; that they preferred to vote to submit the question to the people, without considering its merits. This, in itself, shows that the delegates did not consider the matter of much importance and that they were simply submitting the question to the people for their decision.

After securing, under such circumstances, the adoption of that portion of the platform calling for a primary election on the question of the location of the Capital, the Capital Removal Association of Jacksonville undertakes to convey the impression that the Convention endorsed the idea that the Capital should be removed. Could there be anything more absurd? The fact is, that the action of the Convention was in no sense an expression of opinion favorable to Capital removal, and it was clearly so stated in the Convention. The principal argument used in behalf of the adoption of the Capital removal plank in the platform was that the people should be given an opportunity to express themselves on the subject.

The delegates to the Convention from the several counties (except two, one for and one against) were not instructed upon the question of submitting the Capital question to the people and there had been no expressions of opinion on the part of the people favoring any such action except in Duval county, hence, the delegates themselves could not, even if they had so desired, put on record anything to show that there was a general desire, or a real necessity, for the removal of the Capital. It was well known and understood by the delegates to the Convention that no such desire then existed except on the part of a few politicians, and that there was no necessity whatever for such removal.

It is not surprising that, since it was decided that the question of the removal of the Capital must be submitted to the people, there should be other aspirants for the Capital. That is in keeping with the natural order of things. Every citizen, or community, has the right to seek what they may be honestly obtained, but the purpose to seek in the matter of Capital removal was determined after, and not before, the action of the convention, in every case except as to Jacksonville.

The Jacksonville Capital Removal Association, not being content with the ridiculous attempt to show that the convention approved of the idea of removing the Capital, now claims that it is "needless to consider" the condition of the present capital building because that matter has been passed upon by the people represented in the last Democratic Convention. This is a plain effort to deceive the people into the belief that the actual condition of the State House at Tallahassee was known to all the delegates to the State Convention and that they arrived at a conclusion, which was based upon ascertained facts.

Now it is respectfully submitted, that a great majority of the delegates to the Democratic State Convention in June, A. D. 1900, had no idea what kind of a building the State Capitol was, and for that reason it would have been an absolute impossibility for the convention to have expressed an intelligent opinion. As a matter of fact, the convention had no intention of expressing an opinion as to the condition of the Capital building, and any attempt to show that any such expression was had without the slightest foundation in fact. If the convention had intended to convey any such impression it is reasonable to suppose that the delegates would not have placed themselves on record in plain language so that their constituents would know just what was meant. Is there a word in the State Democratic Platform condemning the present

State House? Do you find any recommendation in the platform that the Capital should be removed? You will search the platform in vain for an affirmative answer to either of these questions, and for that reason you will decide that the claim of the Jacksonville Capital Association, that the convention passed upon these questions, is not true.

The tax-payers should bear in mind that the present State House, which meets all the necessary requirements, belongs to them and that it is the height of folly to incur additional obligations, which simply means increased taxation, when there is no valid reason for such action. Your public business has been, and is now, satisfactorily transacted in the Capital building which belongs to you, then why involve yourselves in a debt for a new building which is not necessary?

The Efficiency of Our Health Board.

The promptness with which Dr. Porter, of the State Health Board, took charge of the yellow fever scare at Tampa, again emphasizes the fact to the people of Florida that, with Dr. Porter on the watch, they need have no fear that an epidemic of yellow fever will steal upon them unawares. By his recent prompt, preventive action, he has shown that he considers the safety of the State at large more important than the temporary inconvenience of a single community. It also further impresses the well-established fact that under our State health laws—with an efficient head—we enjoy a degree of security not attainable under the health officials of the general government.

Looking back on the yellow fever epidemics of the past few years, we note the fact that they all spread, if they did not originate, through the carelessness of the U. S. health authorities. Such was the case at New Orleans several years ago when the epidemic originated because the authorities of the quarantine station at Algiers permitted visitors from the main land to go among the inmates of the station, who were infected with the dread disease—thus disseminating the germs.

So also, during last summer, the fever at Hampton, Va., near Portsmouth, was traced to an inmate of the U. S. Soldiers' Home at that place, who had recently arrived from Cuba, and who was allowed to mix with the other inmates without proper sanitary precautions.

Comparing these instances of the official carelessness, inefficiency, red-tapeism, or whatever name one may please to call it (the result of which has always been an epidemic), with the efficiency and promptness of our own health board, it is not strange that the people of the South, and especially of the State of Florida, prefer their present security to the feeling of insecurity that would follow if they were obliged to depend on the watchfulness of the U. S. Hospital Board.

The recent scare should also remind the voters of Florida that all our seaport towns are liable to a visitation of yellow fever, and for that reason, if for no other, the Capital should be continued at Tallahassee, which has been proved to be entirely immune. To have put State Capital out from all communication with the rest of the State, would cause great inconvenience to the people, besides increasing the cost of running the State government thousands of dollars.

This is no trifling point to be passed over lightly, but should be most earnestly considered by every voter in November.

A Serious Accident.

On Monday afternoon, while Mr. John Burns, who lives 12 miles north of Tallahassee, was going home his team became frightened and ran away down the hill north of Mr. Saxon's residence. Mr. Burns jumped from the wagon and unfortunately broke both bones of his right leg below the knee. Drs. Philbrick and Gunn set the fracture, and Mr. Burns is doing as well as could be expected after so painful an accident.

In Memoriam.

To the Officers and Members of Cicero Lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias.—Dear Sirs and Brothers:—We, your committee appointed to draft resolutions of condolence upon the death of the wife of Brother W. C. Harvin, beg leave to submit the following:

Whereas, God in the dispensation of His wisdom, has once more sent the death messenger into our "Pythian Home." He has claimed for his victim the wife of our esteemed

and worthy Brother W. C. Harvin. The sadness and the sorrow that comes with this affliction to the home of our brother goes deep into our hearts—for we know, we realize fully, the loss to the home, where the mother's voice is forever stilled. We offer to our brother a sympathy that grows from a sentiment which thoroughly appreciates his great loss—the wife, the mother and the friend. An Allwise God, who never errs, has called her to her heavenly home, and she now rejoices with the angels in that celestial home where none but God's chosen ones can enter. We commend our brother and his motherless babes to the comfort and care of an Allwise God, and we would offer the assurance that He who has so grievously touched their hearts can alone alleviate the intensity of their suffering. And while the angel mother sits upon the throne of grace, may her gentle, guiding hand still be with the loved ones whom she has preceded to the better world. And as they pass along the narrow way that leads through life's sunshine and shadows may they feel its gentle touch and know that it guides them to the bright star of hope that ever shines in the world beyond; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we extend the sympathy of the membership of Cicero Lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias, to our bereaved brother and his family, and may God in His goodness and mercy administer to their comfort, and alleviate the sorrow and grief that now abides with them.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Lodge and sent to our bereaved brother and his family; also one furnished the Weekly TALLAHASSEE for publication.

Fraternaly submitted,
CHAS. F. COGSWELL,
J. F. HILL,
SELM W. MYERS,
Committee.

Carn-Morgan.

A very pretty wedding took place at Centerville Monday morning, when Miss Corinne Eleanor, daughter of Dr. J. M. Carn, was married to Mr. Marcellus Morgan, of Chattahoochee. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. J. Carpenter, pastor of the M. E. Church at Tallahassee. Quite a crowd of admiring and loving friends and relatives gathered from far and near to witness the ever interesting ceremony, which came off promptly at 10:30 a. m. The two sisters of the bride, Misses Ettie and Edna, acted as bridesmaids. The groom looked handsome and happy, as grooms should look, and the bride in white organdie and satin, with lace trimmings, was lovely. She carried in her hand a large bunch of La France roses, and bore herself with as much composure as if nothing unusual was transpiring. The presents were numerous and choice.

The happy pair left immediately after the ceremony for their future home in Chattahoochee. Among those from a distance present were Mrs. O. M. Hardaker, Miss Rose Kemp, and Messrs. R. M. and D. H. Morgan, father and brother of the groom.

Republican Congressional Committee.

The Republican Congressional Committee for the First Florida District held a meeting at Tallahassee on Saturday. Hon. J. N. Coombs, chairman of the committee, was not present, being called to Colorado, where his son is ill. The attendance, however, was very good. Hon. John Eagan acted as chairman, and Hon. P. F. McGourin as secretary.

Resolutions were adopted strongly protesting against accepting the declaration of Hon. John N. Coombs, recently nominated for Governor, requesting George B. Patterson, of Key West, the nominee for Congress from the First District, to indite his letter of acceptance, define his position, and let the party know whether he will take the stump and wage an aggressive campaign. There was considerable enthusiasm among the members present, and all were decidedly in favor of a vigorous campaign, not only in this district, but throughout the entire State. The members will urge Republicans to pay their poll tax, register and vote.—Times-Union.

Tribute of Respect.

At the first meeting of the Insurance Agents Local Board, after the death of B. A. Meginniss, the following resolution was offered and adopted:

Whereas, The Divine Ruler has in His wisdom removed from among us our beloved friend and co-worker

Benjamin Andrews Meginniss; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Benjamin Andrews Meginniss the Local Board of Insurance Agents of Tallahassee has lost one of its most popular and highly esteemed members, whose noble traits of character endeared him to every one of us as well as to all those who composed his large circle of friends and acquaintance. His life of patient and efficient attention to business, of loving devotion to his family and kindly friendship for every one, marks a career of useful manliness which can well be emulated by those who desire to lead a life so commendable, as was his. As Secretary of the Local Insurance Board his faithful service and valuable advice did much to promote the usefulness of the organization. We will miss him.

R. A. SHINE,
J. DIAMOND,
R. H. MICKLER,
Committee.

Be Careful of What You Eat.

There seems to be good deal of sickness in Tallahassee and surrounding country especially among the children. Parents should be careful not to eat and not allow their children to eat too much fruit of which there was such a bountiful supply this year. Owing to the severe cold in February there was very little fruit last summer, even blackberries being unusually scarce, and consequently there was very little sickness, especially among the colored people, who live so largely in summer on this fruit. Of course, the heavy rains this year added to the trouble, but we doubt if to any great extent because of the magnificent natural drainage of our hill country. One mother has impressed the fact in the most practical manner on her children that a dose of castor oil must follow a dose of green peaches, and as a consequence have had no sickness among her little ones. A dose of oil at the right moment is a cheaper and better remedy than the doctor at the wrong time.

Die.

Mrs. Wm. C. Harvin of this city died last Thursday afternoon very unexpectedly. She was an estimable lady, a devoted wife and mother. A husband and seven small children survive her. The funeral took place Friday morning from her home, the Rev. Mr. Provence officiating, and was largely attended by her sorrowing friends.

Foreign Ministers at Pekin Safe.

On Friday, August 17th, the allies blew up the gates of the city of Pekin after a hard fight. They succeeded in entering the city and immediately sent detachments to the foreign legations, whom they found safe. What the next step of the allies will be is not yet determined. Having accomplished the primary object of the invasion i. e. the rescue of the foreign legations, we should not countenance any further hostile action against a nation with whom we claim to be at peace, but should insist that when the insurrection is quelled, the imperial government restored and proper guarantees given for the safety of the native and foreign Christians, the allied forces be withdrawn.

The New York Race Riot.

On the 15th inst. one of the worse race riots ever known in any northern or southern city occurred in New York, caused by the killing of a policeman by a negro while resisting arrest. In an incredibly short time, a mob of several thousand assembled whites were clubbing, shooting, and attacking every negro they found on the streets (numbers being dragged from the street cars and beaten with the utmost ferocity) resulting in the serious injury of thirty or forty innocent negroes. The whites did not have it all their own way for the negroes retired to the upper windows of their houses from which they discharged pistols, stones and other missiles at the infuriated mob below. It was owing only to a fortunate down-pour of rain and the appearance of a large force of the police that a large number of deaths did not have to be recorded. Except at New Orleans a month ago such a riot has never occurred anywhere in the south, and we doubt if it could occur at any other point. New Orleans (owing to its situation at the mouth of the Mississippi river) receives the outpouring and the scouring, from the whole Mississippi Valley above and has therefore a larger portion of the hoodlum element than rightfully belongs to it. It has been amusing to

read the various comments of the northern press.

The Springfield (Mass.) Republican (Ind.) (one of the fairest of the northern papers) makes the following interesting comment:

"As for justification there was none in either case, but when it has been said, it is only fair to brand New York as more wanton in its savagery than New Orleans. The negro murderer in the Southern city killed three policemen, instead of one. The black race down there is about half the entire population, and race antagonism has been developed through social and political agencies, since the days when the blacks in New Orleans were slaves. In New York the colored population is infinitesimal in the whole; as a social and political factor it has always been too insignificant to be seriously considered in the city's life. Yet the New York mob was at work within a month after the mob at New Orleans and was fully equal to it in indiscriminate, ferocious assault upon innocent, peaceable citizens, whose only offense was the color of their skins.

"It is idle to condone the New York outbreak on the ground that the rioters were for the most part hoodlums. The rioters in New Orleans were for the most part hoodlums. The truth is that hoodlums generally possess all the passions and share the prejudices which fill the heart of a community. In race questions especially they feel the same antagonisms that the latter element feel, the chief difference being that the hoodlums have less self control. When riots like these occur a whole city is guilty."

And the following clipping from the Atlanta Constitution is to the point:

"For the first time since emancipation the Republican organs of the North are beginning to realize that they have been engaged in meting out the most hurtful forms of injustice to the white people of the South by their wholesale criticism and abuse, whenever, in special or particular instances, a negro has been made a victim of a mob.

The New York Evening Post says that "news of the negro riots on the West Side will be read with satisfaction by most people from the Potomac to the Rio Grande." Perhaps so. It is possible to regret the occurrence and at the same time feel a degree of satisfaction that the scene of the event was next door, as it were, to those mighty moral engines of Northern civilization which for a generation have been holding all the Southern people responsible for every outrage committed by irresponsible criminals, as well as for the taking off of every negro criminal whose beastliness no man can endure.

A Big Job.

A great many people and some newspapers in the State appear to think that the vote on the Capital removal question in November, will be a final settlement of the question, whereas it is only the beginning.

If some place other than Tallahassee is chosen, the next Legislature will have to pass an amendment to the Constitution, by a three-fifths vote, submitting the question of removal to the people, this amendment will be voted on at the general election of 1902. If it is decided to submit the question of location at the same time it will be necessary for one of the places to get a majority of the legal votes cast. If, on the other hand, it is determined to revise the Constitution, then the Legislature of 1901 will be required by a vote of two-thirds of all the members to pass such resolution, the action of the Legislature will then have to be submitted to the people at the election of 1902, and if adopted, then the Legislature of 1903 will be required to make the necessary appropriations to carry out the will of the people, and when the revision is complete it must be submitted to the people for ratification or rejection.

From the above it is plain to see that is no small undertaking to move the State Capital. It takes time, money, patience and votes to do the trick.—The Brooksville News Register, Aug. 17.

Extended to September 15th.

We are glad to announce that the merchants of the city have agreed to extend the time of early closing of their stores until September 15th. The original agreement was to September 1st and the extension to September 15th is an act of consideration which will be appreciated by their employes and will in no way inconvenience customers.

TAXPAYERS SPEAK

Sentiment in East and South Florida Opposes Removal

MASSES WANT NO CHANGE

Encouraging Letters Received by the Capital League.

A letter from a well-known citizen of Kathleen, Polk county, speaking of the Capital removal issue, says:

"You may depend on it that I am not in favor of such an enormous tax at this time as it would necessarily take to remove and build a new Capitol for our State."

Another Polk county gentleman, living in Bartow, writes this:

"I am opposed to the removal of the State Capital, as I think it means a heavy expense at a time when not needed. We have just gotten to where we can pay our present taxes. Since the freeze we have had to call for time to pay them, and now to act on a heavier burden for something unnecessary! We will simply hoot it down, and don't you forget it. I have been out some, talking with the people and I find the sentiment growing against removal, and as for myself you will find me against extra expenses and high taxes, when not necessary."

A very prominent citizen of Tampa has this week written to the Capital League of this city a strong letter, from which the following is extracted:

"I am soul and body in sympathy with every man who is in favor of our State Capital remaining at Tallahassee. I wish to say that in my humble opinion your fight is not a hard one and scarcely a doubtful one if the matter is plainly explained to the masses, and the utter foolishness on their part and the hardships they willfully bring upon themselves to benefit one city and a few politicians thoughtlessly voting for removal.

"I am sure that the vote from Tampa proper will be gratifying to you. I would like to have some of your pamphlets to distribute among my laboring friends, and will aid your league in every way in my power."

Here is what one of Fernandina's leading citizens writes to the Capital League about the Capital removal scheme:

"The overhauling ambition of certain reckless politicians in Jacksonville leads them into advocating any measure of municipal aggrandizement or personal gain, regardless of the rights of the people."

The same letter says: "While I do not believe we need any great combination to defeat Capital moving just now, we appreciate the effort you are making, and will help you."

"Twas a strange sight to witness the raising of \$4,000—for excursions and dining and giving a convention of politicians, while the city's daily press was advertising delinquent taxes—16½ columns of 30 feet and 4 inches length! What a travesty of patriotic public spirit!

To Elect a Pastor.

There will be a meeting of the congregation of the Presbyterian Church on Sunday, August 26, 1900, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing a pastor for said church. All members of the congregation are respectfully requested to attend said meeting.

Powers Guilty of Goebel Murder.

Georgetown, Ky., August 18.—After a long and exciting trial, Caleb Powers was convicted by the jury of being an accessory to the murder of William Goebel.

Immediately after the verdict was rendered, the court sentenced Powers to the State penitentiary for life.

The verdict was taken very quietly in the court room. Powers' friends and attorneys accepted it in silence.

The convicted man came, near fainting when the finding of the jury was read: He confidently expected a mistrial.

Powers was taken to jail as soon as sentence was pronounced. The jury was out fifty-five minutes.

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